

***Amendments to the Claims***

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-31 (Cancelled).

32. (Currently amended) A pump unit comprising:  
a common housing;  
a first hydraulic pump and a second hydraulic pump, both being of a variable displacement type and accommodated within said common housing;  
said first hydraulic pump and said second hydraulic pump respectively including a first pump shaft and a second pump shaft, both of which have rotating shaft centers substantially parallel to each other, and a first control shaft and a second control shaft designed for controlling the input/output flow rates of said first and second hydraulic pumps;  
a first neutral position return mechanism for urging said first control shaft in such a direction as to return said first hydraulic pump to a neutral position thereof;  
a second neutral position return mechanism for urging said second control shaft in such a direction as to return said second hydraulic pump to a neutral position thereof;  
said first and second control shafts protruding outwardly from the same side of said common housing; and  
said first and second neutral position return mechanisms mounted on said same side of the common housing;

wherein said first and second neutral position return mechanisms are disposed on a common base plate detachably mounted on said same side of the common housing.

33. (Previously presented) A pump unit according to claim 32, wherein said first and second neutral position return mechanisms are respectively provided with adjusting mechanisms for adjusting said first and second hydraulic pumps respectively to their exact neutral positions.

34. (Cancelled)